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Dear Mr. Gimbel:

Thank you for your letter dated April 13, 2011 regarding City EMS System BLS rate increases. After thorough review, I have taken the following action based on your request.

First, new prices for BLS and ALS annually charges and drug rates will be reported as line items versus a summary total in the updated ordinance. This change has been communicated to the City of Milwaukee Legislative Reference Bureau.

Second, I am recommending an adjustment to the mileage rate. The new rate will be \$14.50 per mile to match the Milwaukee Fire Department charges per city ordinance 75-1514(h). Please note that given our present formula for calculating mileage rate fees, there should be rate reduction to \$13.26 per mile. However, given past practice I chose to keep the mileage rate the same. (Please see attached formula)

Third, our recommendations are made with the understanding that while current fuel prices are high we have adopted a process and formula that attempts to be fair and equitable to both business and consumers. On this occasion, I believe that these rate increases honor that important balance.

Finally, if you should have any questions or require additional information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bevan K. Baker, FACHE  
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### Mileage Rate History Chart

Year	CPI Change Gasoline	CPI Change Private Transport	New Fuel Estimate	New Non-Fuel Estimate	New Mileage Rate
2009	14%	6.5%	\$3.50	\$9.90	\$13.40 <sup>1</sup>
2010	-27.7%	-9.5%	\$1.92	\$8.96	\$10.88 <sup>2</sup>
2011	16.7%	9.7%	\$3.43	\$9.83	\$13.26 <sup>3</sup>

1. Rounded up to \$14.00

2. Maintained rate at \$14.00

3. Requested rate increase to \$14.50

#### Rate calculation formula:

**New fuel estimate (NFE)** = Average price of one gallon of fuel in December of previous year (APF) X CPI Change Gasoline (CPI Δ)

**New non-fuel estimate (NNFE)** = Previous year estimate (PYE) X CPI Δ Private Transport

New Fuel Estimate (NFE) + New Non-Fuel Estimate (NNFE) = **New Mileage Rate (NMR)**

#### 2011 example:

AFP 12/2010 x CPI Δ Gasoline

\$2.94 x 1.167 = **\$3.43**

2010 NFE x CPI Δ Private Transport

\$8.96 x 1.097 = **\$9.83**

NFE + NNFE = NMR

\$3.43 + \$9.83 = **\$13.26**